

A The objection was just this that I thought that Mr. Hall was much too young for Frances; I think he was about ten years younger.

MR. PFEIFFER: Seven.

A Seven, was it? I am not sure about it; I couldn't tell; I thought that he was young. I thought that he was, well a man who was simply trying to better himself by marrying into a social position and marrying somebody with money and I would have much rather have seen at that time Frances marry a man nearer her own age and more of a business man, somebody that I felt I would grow to like a little better. I had no dislike for Mr. Hall whatever, none whatever, but I simply made up my mind that if that was Frances' wish and the wish of my mother, that that would be the last I would ever say about it.

Q Mr. Stevens, let me ask you this question. From anything that your mother said or did, or that Mrs. Hall said or did, did you gather the impression that Mrs. Stevens, your mother, had urged Mrs. Hall to marry Edward Hall?

A No, I never did, but I always believed that my mother was delighted at the match and if it was going to please her, why I would certainly be perfectly satisfied with it.

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